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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YOSHINOBU SHIRAIWA, et al.)
Application No.: 09/111,731)
Filed: July 8, 1998)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
APPARATUS, METHOD AND)
RECORDING MEDIUM THEREFOR)

Examiner: J. Brier
Group Art Unit: 2672
December 18, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2003, for one month from November 18, 2003, to December 18, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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